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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL GROUP REPORT

REF: A) USNATO 03299 (DTG 311321Z MAR 78)  
B) SECDEF 7036 (DTG 281541Z MAR 78)

1. FOR NATO: WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS CONTAINED IN  
REF A BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THAT TIME PERMITS ANOTHER ROUND

TO ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE AGREEMENT. WE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THE ALLIES AND THE NMAS AND HAVE INCORPORATED AS MANY AS WE FELT WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSENSUS. REQUEST THAT MISSION INCORPORATE THE CHANGES IN PARA 3 BELOW TO THE TEXT OF REF B, AND PASS CORRECTED TEXT OF REPORT AND HLG CHAIRMAN MCGIFFERT'S COVER LETTER IN PARA 4 BELOW TO SYG LUNS, DELEGATIONS OF NPG MEMBERS, IS, IMS.

2. FOR CAPITALS: PLEASE PASS CHANGES IN HLG REPORT TEXT (PARA 3 BELOW) AND HLG CHAIRMAN MCGIFFERT'S COVER LETTER (PARA 4 BELOW) TO FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS: OTTAWA: J. F. ANDERSON, MOD; COPENHAGEN: MR. T. FROST, MFA; BONN: OBERST H. HANSEN, FMOD; ATHENS: AMB. HORAFAS, MFA AND MGEN, HARLAFTIS, MOD; ROME: MR. P. RINALDI, MFA; THE

HAGUE: MR. E. VAN VLOTEN, MFA; OSLO: MR. J. J. HOLST, MOD; ANKARA: MR. M. SUNGAR, MFA; LONDON: MR. M. QUINLAN, MOD. TEXT SHOULD BE PASSED ASAP.

3. CHANGES TO HLG DRAFT REPORT:

A. PARA 7 LINE 7: DELETE QTE SHAPE UNQTE INSERT QTE NMA'S UNQTE.

B. PARA 7: INSERT IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE TO READ, QTE  
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IN ITS WORK THE HLG HAS NOT CONSIDERED ANY REQUIREMENT FOR A MARITIME NUCLEAR PROGRAM, NOR HAS IT CONSIDERED THE RELATIONSHIP WITH ... UNQTE.

C. PARA 12 LINE 4: DELETE QTE NPT'S UNQTE, INSERT QTE NPG UNQTE.

D. PARA 18B: DELETE QTE ... BE CONTINUED UNQTE, INSERT QTE CONTINUE UNQTE.

E. PARA 20M: CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ QTE... MUST BE SECURE AGAINST TERRORIST AND OTHER NON-MILITARY OR PARA-MILITARY THREATS, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR PEACETIME STORAGE. UNQTE

F. PARA 23E: CHANGE LAST TWO SENTENCES TO READ QTE ... BOMBS. NUCLEAR AAW SYSTEMS ARE DEPLOYED ONLY ON US SHIPS. MARITIME SYSTEMS ARE NOT ADDRESSED FURTHER IN THIS PAPER. UNQTE.

G. PARA 24F: DELETE QTE INCLUDING UNQTE, INSERT QTE AND UNQTE.

H. PARA 33 LINE 9: DELETE QTE RB/ER UNQTE, AND DELETE QTE BOMB UNQTE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN NON-ATOMAL CLASSIFICATION.

I. PARA 31 LINE 1: DELETE QTE CRITICAL UNQTE, INSERT QTE IMPORTANT UNQTE. LINE 7: DELETE QTE CRITICALLY UNQTE.

J. PARA 36 LINE 1: DELETE QTE (TS) UNQTE, INSERT QTE (S) UNQTE.

K. PARA 36C LINE 1: DELETE QTE (TS) UNQTE, INSERT QTE (S) UNQTE. LINE 3: DELETE QTE IN THE ORDER OF 200 UNQTE. LINE 9: DELETE QTE AS MANY AS FOUR UNQTE. LINE 10: DE-SECRET

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LETE QTE WHILE UNQTE. LINE 11: DELETE QTE IT IS POSSIBLE ... TO ... THE MIDTERM UNQTE, INSERT PERIOD AFTER QTE

MR/IRBM FORCE UNQTE.

L. PARA 39 FIRST LINE: INSERT NEW FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: QTE THE HLG REVIEWED THE WP THREAT, NATO CURRENT TNF POSTURE AND NATO'S SECURITY OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT TWO DECADES. THE DISCUSSION BELOW ... UNQTE.

M. PARA 42 LAST SENT: CHANGE TO: QTE IN THIS CONTEXT, THE UNIQUE GEOGRAPHIC AND STRATEGIC FACTORS ON THE FLANKS OF NATO MUST, OF COURSE, BE TAKEN INTO DUE ACCOUNT IN OPERATIONAL PLANNING, AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO DEPLOYMENT AND PRESENTATION. UNQTE.

N. PARA 42 LINE 5: FOLLOWING QTE AND THERE SHOULD UNQTE INSERT QTE CONTINUE TO UNQTE.

O. PARA 46 LINE 3: CHANGE TO READ QTE ... AS A COHERENT, BROAD, AND EVOLUTIONARY EFFORT ... UNQTE.

P. PARA 47 LINE 5: CHANGE TO READ QTE ... SOMEWHAT MORE IN THEATER LONG RANGE CAPABILITY ... EXAMINATION IS NEEDED BOTH TO EVALUATE MORE PRECISELY THE SCOPE AND DEGREE OF THE NEED AND TO ASSESS ... UNQTE.

Q. PARA 47 LAST SU-PARA LINE 6: CHANGE TO READ QTE ... SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MEANS OF STRENGTHENING OR ... UNQTE.

R. PARA 49 LINE 5: DELETE QTE LONGER UNQTE, INSERT QTE LONG UNQTE.

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S. PARA 58 FINAL SENTENCE: DELETE ENTIRELY.

T. PARA 59 SECOND TIC: DELETE QTE AND CONSIDER TASKING  
THE HLG TO SET IT IN MOTION AS APPROPRIATE. UNQTE.

UPON INCORPORATION OF THE PRECEEDING CHANGES YOU MAY  
RECLASSIFY THE REPORT AS SECRET RELEASABLE TO NATO AS NATO  
SECRET. YOU MAY WISH TO CIRCULATE THE CHANGES INDICATED  
ABOVE TO OTHER MISSIONS.

4. PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
INDICATING SIGNATURE OF DAVID E. MCGIFFERT IN HIS  
CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN HLG.

SALUATORY OPENING, TEXT FOLLOWS:

THE NPG MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING IN BARI, ITALY,  
IN OCTOBER 1977, ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES  
TO CHAIR A HIGH- LEVEL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF SENIOR

PLANNERS FROM ALL NATIONS PAARTICIPATING IN NPG WORK. THE  
INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES GAVE  
VALUABLE ASSISTANCE. IN THE COURSE OF THREE MEETINGS,  
THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP EXAMINED THE RANGE OF ROLES OF TNF  
AND SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE POSTURES.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE HLG, I ENCLOSE HERewith A  
REPORT OT THE NPG COVERING THE GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS.  
THE REPORT HAS GONE THROUGH TWO DRAFTS, EACH OF WHICH WAS  
SUBJECTED TO DETAILED COMMENT BY THOSE PARTICIPATING.  
AS A RESULT, I BELIEVE THE REPORT FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE  
RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE  
HIGH LEVEL GROUP, ALTHOUGH ITS PRECISE LANGUAGE HAS NOT  
BEEN COLLECTIVELY APPROVED IN A FORMAL SENSE. IN  
KEEPING WITH CUSTOMARY PRACTICE REGARDING NPG STUDIES,  
THE REPORT SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS NECESSARILY REFLECTING  
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THE OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENTS OR THE NATO MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE  
REPORT'S DISTRIBUITON TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE NPG SO  
THAT IT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH DISCUSSION AS  
DEEMED APPROPRIATE. END TEXT. SALUATORY CLOSE.

SIGNED DAVID E. MCGIFFERT, CHAIRMAN HLG.

5. FOR NATO: ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO ASSIST YOU IN  
PERMREPS DISCUSSION OF REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTTEL.  
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